

the schemes are only on paper. The Textile Development Fund was introduced in 1999.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is going to be 12 o'clock. Please put your supplementary.

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: What is the amount they have released under this scheme? It is not even 10 per cent of the total fund which has been made available. How do they expect to increase the exports?

SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR: In all, 820 applications were received under this scheme and an amount of Rs. 2,981.35 crores has already been disbursed. The sanctioned amount is Rs. 4,787.33 crores.

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Out of Rs. 25,000 crores, they have disbursed Rs. 2,000 crores and that too in three years. They are talking about an industry whose contribution is the largest in terms of the foreign exchange-earning of the country and which is also the largest employer in the country. And, in three years, they have disbursed only 10 per cent.

SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR: This scheme will continue for five years...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Rally by Indian Ex-services League of Sangrur district

*142. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sangrur district unit of the Indian Ex-services League held a rally in Local War Heroes Stadium on September 17, 2001, to press their demand for one rank, one pension and other demands;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) what is Government's response and reaction thereto?

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RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reported Demands made in Rally held at Sangrur on September 17, 2001, and Government's response/reaction thereto are given as under:

Sr. No.	Demand	Response/Reaction
(i)	Grant of Orphan Pension to Rank One Pensioners	The demand has been examined, but it has not been found feasible to accept the same. The acceptance of the demand will not only have huge financial implication but also have wide administrative implications.
(ii)	Restoration of Commuted value of pension after 12 years	At present restoration of commuted value of pension is allowed after 10 years, both for Civil and Defence pensioners. It has not been found feasible to accept this demand.
(iii)	Provision of service to next of kin of those army personnel who died on Govt, duty	Government has issued instructions for providing compassionate appointment to the dependents of the Government servants dying in harness. Such appointments can be made up to 5% of vacancies falling under direct recruitment quota in group C and D posts. Under the same provision widows/dependents of defence service personnel dying in harness are also considered for appointment on compassionate grounds against vacancies in Civilian group C & D posts of Services Headquarters. As per Government instructions, the request from

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		<p>the dependent of a Government servant dying in harness can be considered upto a maximum period of 5 years from the death of the Government servant. Two members of the family of a defence service personnel whose death is attributable to military service are eligible on priority for employment against group C & D posts for which recruitment is made by the Directorate General of Employment and Training.</p> <p>In case of battle casualties, one son of each deceased soldier is given enrolment in the Army as and when he attains the prescribed minimum age for enrolment. In case the deceased soldier was unmarried, one of his real brothers is given instant enrolment in the Army.</p>
(iv)	To fulfill the reservation quota of Ex-servicemen	The reservation provided to Ex-service-men in Central Government Ministries/ Department/Offices PSUs Is being monitored centrally by Department of Personnel and Training. Reservation provided in State Government jobs is to be monitored by the concerned State Government.

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(v)	To abolish	This system is prevailing in Private Sector contract system only and not in Government of employment Department/Offices. Therefore, no action can be taken by the Government in the matter.
(vi)	To grant stipend	Stipend @ Rs. 100/-per child per month to children of upto 12th Class limited to three children Ex-servicemen is already being given to the children of Ex-servicemen by MOD.
(vii)	To enhance	On the basis of the recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission medical allowance of Rs. 100/- p.m. to all pensioners has been sanctioned. This is uniformly applicable to civilian as well as defence pensioners. There is no proposal at present to increase this amount.
(viii)	To grant	The Ex-servicemen of 2nd World War freedom fighters have been paid service gratuity as full facilities to Ex- compensation for the services rendered servicemen of by them. They are not eligible for 2nd World War freedom fighters status.

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(ix)	Free travel facilities anywhere in India in a year to Ex-Servicemen and their families	Presently, recipients of Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Chakra Series and Widows of posthumous winners of these gallantry awards are entitled to free Rail travel. The war widows are entitled to 75% concession in Rail fare. The above category of people and permanent war disabled soldiers and their dependent family members are eligible to 50% concession in fare for air travel on domestic flights in Indian Airlines.
(x)	To build Defence colony for Ex-Servicemen on selected sites	There is no proposal to build defence colonies in selected areas.
(xi)	To provide financial help of Rs. 10,000/- on marriage of daughters of Ex-servicemen	A financial grant upto Rs. 8,000/- can be granted from the Raksha Mantri's Discretionary Fund for the marriage of daughters of deserving Ex-servicemen/ widows.

Providing drinking water from tubewelis in Orissa

*143. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to provide drinking water through tubewelis in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and